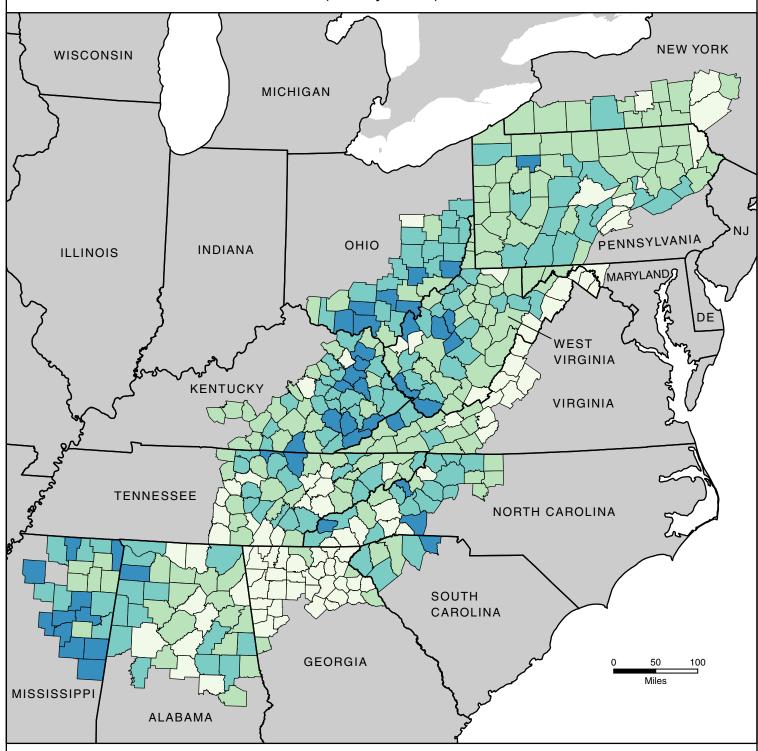
## Three-Year Average Unemployment Rates in Appalachia, 2002-2004 (County Rates)



A three-year average unemployment rate is a measure of long-term structural unemployment. It is calculated by dividing the three-year sum of persons unemployed by the three-year sum of the civilian labor force. The map uses natural breaks in the distribution to organize the data into groups of common values.

## Unemployment Rate 8.5% - 12.6% U.S. average = 5.8% Appalachian average = 5.7% 5.2% - 6.6% 3.2% - 5.1%



Map Created: October 2006.

(Natural Breaks Classification)

Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2002-2004.